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MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR BEIJING

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left here this morning for Beijing for a four-day visit.

He is scheduled to deliver a keynote address entitled "The Dawn of the Asia Century: A Malaysian Perspective" at the Beijing Dialogue on Malaysia-China Partnership on Monday.

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by a delegation which included Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik and Pulau Pinang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

The two-day dialogue is organised by the Asian Strategy and Leadership institute (Asli).

Among those at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport in Subang near here to see him off were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, Cabinet ministers and deputy ministers, and leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties. -- BERNAMA

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